

Figure 3. Sample press release

_____ hospital has discovered that patients treated in one of its outpatient pain management clinics may have received improperly administered injections of medication. These unsafe injections could have caused some patients to be exposed to blood from another patient.

The hospital is collaborating with the _____ health department to investigate and correct the unsafe injection practices and to identify patients who might have been exposed.

The initial investigation suggests that approximately 200 patients may have been exposed to unsafe injections in this clinic. All of these patients are being contacted and asked to undergo testing for infections such as hepatitis C, hepatitis B, and HIV since these infections can be spread through the blood.

Several patients have been tested already and none have acquired an infection from the injections they received at the clinic. But because individuals can have these infections and not have symptoms, the health department is strongly encouraging all patients who have been contacted as part of their investigation to get tested. A free clinic has been set up for patients to receive the necessary testing.

Questions from concerned patients or healthcare providers can be directed to the _____ health department information hotline at (____)____-____.

